

## OBSTRUCTION TACTICS USED BY OPPOSITION

## Slow Progress Was Made on Estimates in the Legislature

T. M. Tweedie, Calgary, is  
Chief Spokesman For

### Opposition

Apparently feeling that the tactics of the opposition so far this session, have not been sufficiently forceful and showing this feeling by manner and temper, T. M. Tweedie had an intimation, in the House last night, that

There are limits beyond which the members of the ministerial benches will not allow even the would-be leader of the other side to travel without strenuous protest.

The member for Centre Calgary did not appear until nine o'clock. During the previous hour fair progress had been made with the consideration of the estimates and if, at times, George Hoadley, of Okotoks, and R. E. Campbell, of Rocky Mountain, who were the earliest occupants of the opposi-

When the latter came on the scene a discussion was in progress as to the propriety of calling A. G. MacKay, one of the inspectors or auditors, attached to the department of municipal affairs. Immediately he entered the room and, after a brief examination of the minister of the department and not satisfied with an answer he had received, he shouted in a loud voice: "You have no alternative tone he could command, "Does he or does he not?" as if the minister were a witness in a police court, as A. G. MacKay himself later on interrupted the comment "Police

Loud cries of order from the government side of the House indicated the resentment at the attitude and manner of the member who at once dropped to his seat and was more or less silent until the end of the session.

The temper of the government side of the House was aroused, although it was evident to everyone that the opposition were bent on pursuing obstructive tactics.

**Afternoon On One Item.**  
The whole of the afternoon session was spent on the first item "Interest, sinking fund and expenses, \$950,000." The member for Centre Calgary would not allow the discussion to proceed until he had been supplied with details, although the provincial treasurer explained, as the member very well knew, that the main portion of the sum was represented by interest charges fixed by statute.

Not only did the Hon. C. R. Mitchell supply the particulars required, but he also offered to have copies struck off for each member who required one. But the offer was declined, and the matter was then taken up by the speaker, when the talking capacity of the opposition seemed exhausted. Mr. Tweedie moved that the items be printed. As the speaker would not allow another opening for delay, the motion was rejected.

Before this stage was reached the speaker had entered upon a general criticism of the sinking fund and the leader, E. Michener, Reed DeRue, and contended that there should be no sinking fund, as it would be incapable of covering all the indebtedness of the province.

**Lessons for Public Service.**  
The speaker on behalf of the

government that if they were to do this it would mean that more money would have to be set aside each year and less expended on the public service of the province, and that the users of telephones would be obliged to pay increased charges to provide money for a sinking fund. This was a policy the government did not consider advisable. For instance, the

partment building had been erected in ten to thirty year loans and it could not be argued that there should be any saving in the cost of the amount expended on that building in those periods, considering that the building would last for centuries. It was also pointed out that the system of the government of the day was not adopted by the Dominion and other provincial governments.

In regard to Mr. Fiddler, whom Mr. Michener had appointed as a very efficient official, Mr. Michener suggested that his work was more in the nature of a party physician than an auditor of the management of municipalities, which drew from him the prompt retort that no one in his department had anything to do with

Hon. Charles Stewart informed the committee that these officials were hired for the purpose of protecting

**Takes Another Tack.** The leader of the opposition took another tack and, prefacing it by the remark that apparently the services of the department were not appreciated, read a letter from P. M. Whitcomb, president of the local improvement district No. 367, Stettler, which had been placed in the hands of a commissioner and the local council.

Mr. Garriep said that the depart-

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communications we are receiving from our agents in the United States indicate that we will receive a

men," said Publicity Commissioner Hotchkiss yesterday when discussing the topic of farm help during the period of seeding. Mr. Hotchkiss also mentioned that homesteaders also availing themselves of the

Washington, March 27.—American officials view the submarine situation as taking on aspects of much gravity.

**C. PLACES MILLION LOAN.**

British Columbia government suite gratified Monday when it a loan of a million dollars the agricultural credits act at er cent. The loan will run for rs and was handied by McNeill ough, of Toronto. Nine bids in

received from American and  
ian firms.

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